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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Figure 1, previously omitted elements CO 10 and RT 12 have been added.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

The present Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection

raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt

consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 have been allowed, however

these claims have been objected to by the Examiner due to due to informalities. Claims 1, 4, 7

and 10 have been amended. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims

1-12.

Substitute Specification

In response to the Examiner's requirement to file a substitute specification, Applicants

hereby submit a substitute specification. Applicants respectfully assert that the substitute

specification includes no new matter.

Drawings Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to Fig. 1 due to failure to show all the

elements of Fig. 1 as described in the specification. Applicants have amended Fig. 1 so as to

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include elements CO 10 and RT 12 that were described in the specification. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-12 because the acronym

NEXT was not spelled out in full. Applicants have amended independent claims 1,4, 7 and 10

so that the term "NEXT" has been replaced with the phrase "near-end cross-talk (NEXT)".

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to

be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry

of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone

number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the

undersigned counsel.

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APPENDIX

